

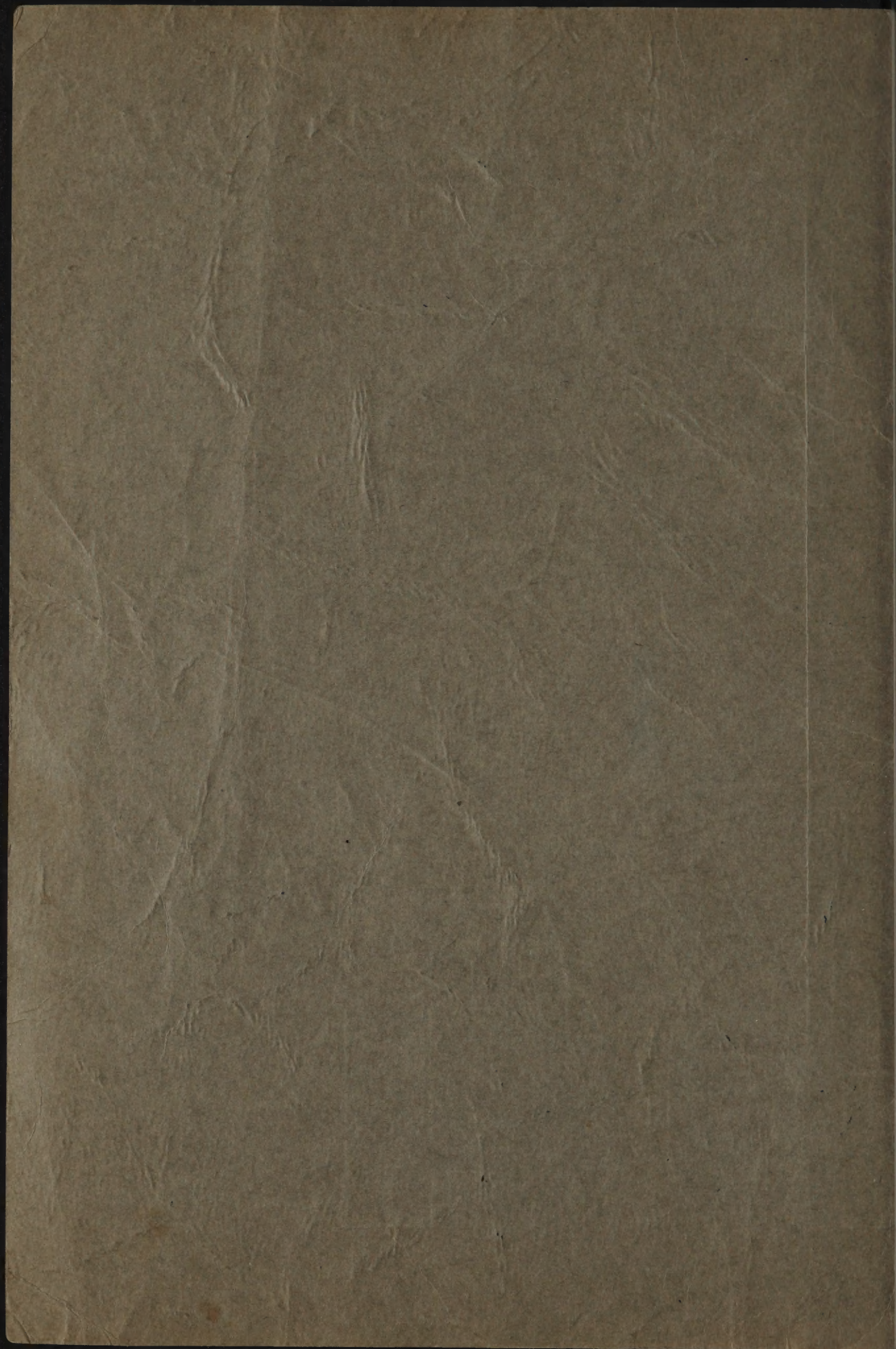
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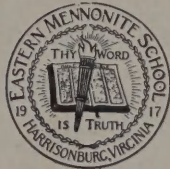


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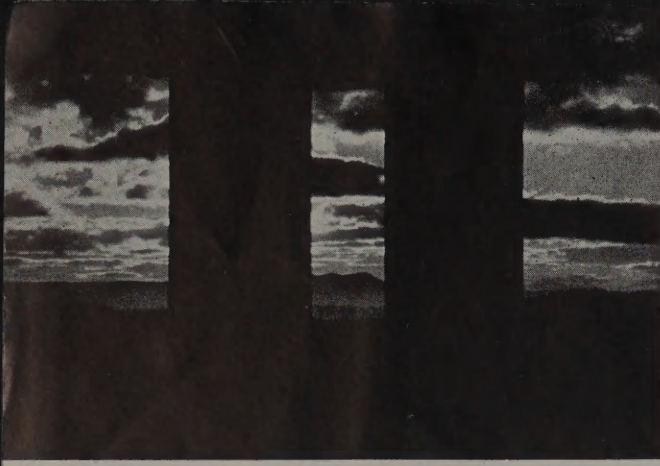
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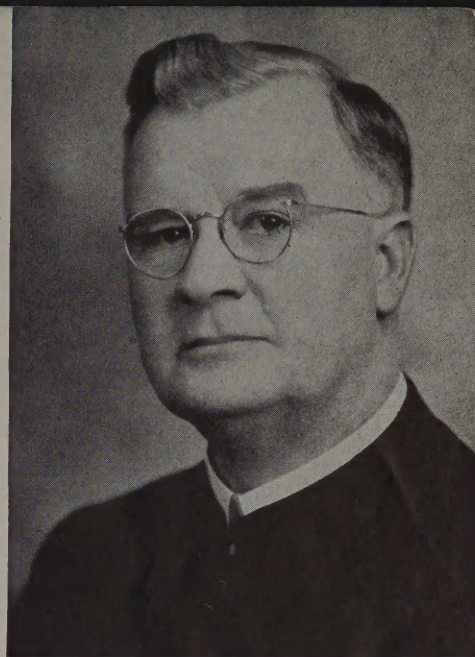
Commencement Number
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EASTERN MENNONITE SCHOOL
Harrisonburg, Virginia



To the Alumni who, at
home and abroad are
freely giving their lives
and energies for the promulgation of the gospel,
we respectfully dedicate
this number of the
Journal

John L. Stauffer, our able president, is one of our Bible teachers. He is a bishop, serves on numerous church committees, and is frequently engaged in Bible Conference work. He works hard, and accomplishes much. He is a man of wide and varied experience, and a wise counselor. We esteem him truly as a man of God.—M. S.



The President's Message

To the Graduating Class of 1940:

Commencement time! You have reached your goal. I rejoice in your cultural achievement, but I rejoice more in your religious profession. Every one of you has professed the name of Christ and all are members of the same Christian fellowship. This fact makes you a distinctive group among the thousands of graduating classes of 1940. Each graduating class within the last decade has gone out into a depressed and distressed world, and you step out into a world at war. Our own nation has thus far been spared the ravages of war, but the future is uncertain. Our nation is not entirely guiltless of international provocations before the Judge of the whole earth. You have heard your parents relate experiences associated with World War Number One, but today you face the possibility of experiences that may await you because of World War Number Two.

As representatives of the Mennonite Church, one of the historic peace churches, you can go forth with the same message that was heralded by the angels at the birth of our Saviour, "On earth, peace and good will toward men." You can think peace, talk peace, and live peaceably with all men. True nonresistance is more than a mental conviction; it is a heart condition. The Christian who has the "peace of God" within, can be assured also of the "God of peace" as his protector and sustainer. Christ, the "Prince of peace", must be a living reality to every true exponent of nonresistance.

One cannot be a true exponent of peace unless he is fully separated unto God and separated from evil. Nonconformity to the world is a companion truth to the doctrine of peace and good will to men. Our peacetime testimony and practice must be consistent with our wartime claim for exemption if we want it to be respected and granted by civil authorities. If our peacetime living is not consistent with our wartime claim, we will be reputed as cowards and judged unworthy of the desired exemption from carnal warfare.

Such are the issues involved in these times. May every one of you graduates determine by the grace of God to be loyal to Christ and His Church, and faithfully exemplify the doctrine that has been handed down to us by our faithful forefathers. Your motto, "Forward with Christ," should be very precious and real to you. The apostle Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

John L. Stauffer.



FIRST ROW (left to right): M. T. Brackbill, Dorothy Kemrer, C. K. Lehman,
D. W. Lehman.

SECOND ROW: H. D. Weaver, D. R. Hostetter, E. G. Gehman, H. A. Brunk.

THIRD ROW: Sadie Hartzler, J. R. Mumaw, Mrs. Paul Stauffer, M. J. Brunk.

FOURTH ROW: Elsie Martin, Melvin Ruth, Homer Mumaw, Ada Zimmerman.

FIFTH ROW: Mark Stauffer, Mrs. M. T. Brackbill, Lela Eshleman, Moses Slabaugh.

The Faculty

Maurice T. Brackbill is our enthusiastic instructor in Physics, Mathematics and Speech Arts. He is director of Vesper Heights Mennonite Observatory and sponsor of the Astral and Scriblerus Societies. Thoroughness, promptness, and neatness are characteristics appreciated both by his fellow-instructors and by his students.—J. L. S.

Dorothy C. Kemrer, devoted to the teaching of Latin and Greek, as well as Typing, and an occasional Mathematics course, is successful in stimulating students to thoroughness and mastery. She is an active Avian and Astralite, congenial, and deeply interested in student life and activity.—M. T. B.

Chester K. Lehman is our Dean and Registrar, a Minister, and head of the College Bible Department. Frequent calls come from various states for his services on Bible Instruction Programs. Students appreciate his deep interest in their educational and spiritual problems.—D. C. K.

Daniel W. Lehman is an efficient trainer of teachers. He instills in students the conviction to magnify the profession of teaching without compromise of Christian principles. Through personal example he impresses a wholesome attitude toward Christian recreation. In all of his work a youthful enthusiasm and energy is maintained.—C. K. L.

Our efficient bursar, **H. D. Weaver**, keeps us jolly with his pleasing personality. If you want money he has it; if you have money he wants it. He pays for our food, and coal, and remunerates the teachers. As composer of music and business manager of the School, he renders a unique service.—D. W. L.

The assistant dean who is head of the department of biology, **D. Ralph Hostetter**, is held in the highest esteem. His thoroughness and promptness on every occasion is a real challenge to all. We appreciate his fluency of speech, keen sense of humor and fine Christian character.—H. D. W.

Instructor in German, and in English Composition; intensely interested in the spiritual welfare of our young people; faithfully preaching the Word; brimful of ideas and suggestions; spicy and witty in discussions; sympathetic to the "Pennsylvania Dutch"—this is **Ernest G. Gehman**.—D. R. H.

Harry A. Brunk, Valley-born, is distinctly a product of E. M. S. Popular first as student, now as History Department head, as committee man, as public speaker extraordinary, he is vitally woven into the fabric that is E. M. S.—E. G. G.

Sadie Hartzler is concerned about what is correct in English. More "precious" to her is her Lord. She covets the constant fellowship with Christ in her own life and in the lives of others. She is a worthy spiritual adviser and teacher.—H. A. B.

Because the church has called **John R. Mumaw** to other phases of work, it is small wonder he hurries about when he is here. Students in Christian education and in literature find him enthusiastic and thorough. His congenial personal contacts and his practical addresses have enriched our lives.—S. A. H.

Ruth Stoltzfus Stauffer is respected by her students for her quiet reserve and Christian devotion. Her colleagues appreciate the touch of refinement she adds. While Art continues to be an object of her devotion, "Home" economics has lured her away from the teaching profession.—J. R. M.

Menno J. Brunk is a teacher of the Bible. He loves to search deeply into its doctrines, to find and relate its interesting history, and to defend its spiritual truths. Another interest of his is farming.—R. S. S.

Elsie Martin, our Supervisor in Training School, believes in efficiency. She endeavors to train those who are looking forward to a teaching course. Her suggestions and criticisms are valuable. She is also interested in the spiritual welfare of her students.—M. J. B.

Melvin L. Ruth. "Brother Melvin" loves people, nature, books and music. He is a "good sport" in mountain-hiking and athletics. His neighbors commend his hospitality. As Dean of Men he observes closely, thinks clearly, and judges prudently. As head of the Bible Correspondence School he zealously promotes Christian Education in our Church.—E. A. M.

Homer A. Mumaw. The popularity of the Industrial Arts Department is due to the enthusiasm and ingenuity of Bro. Mumaw. He is always in a hurry, yet his practical turn of mind lures him to a close inspection of details. His skill as a taxidermist is appreciated in our Museum.—M. L. R.

Ada Zimmerman, Jr. Coll. '31, has been with us this year faithfully taking care of Bro. Daniel Lehman's work in the Education department. Having taught in elementary schools a number of years prior to earning her Master's degree, she has had experimental as well as scholastic preparation for her work.—H. A. M.

J. Mark Stauffer is never gloomy for want of a song. He is the youngest member of the faculty. Music, his hobby, has become his profession. A subtle, refreshing humor makes his classes popular. The Gospel Team owes much to him for special training and spiritual concern.—A. M. Z.

Mrs. M. T. Brackbill is instructor in English. The faculty and students alike recognize in her an ability to grasp the thoughts of great authors, and to present literary appreciations in an interesting fashion. She serves her Master well at E. M. S.
—J. M. S.

Lela I. Eshleman, dean of women and nurse, is in constant demand. A student wishes permission; another needs medical care; a third seeks advice—each receives friendly and sympathetic consideration. Her quiet poise and pleasant disposition have won the respect and friendship of her girls.—Mrs. B.

Moses Slabaugh, a man zealous for the Lord and His work, teaches High School Bible. He is also busily engaged in pastoral work as superintendent of the Chicago Avenue Mennonite Mission. He possesses a good-natured humor and a sociable spirit.—L. I. E.



Class Adviser's Message to the Seniors

THE CHRISTIAN ADVANCE

Your motto suggests expectation of continued progress. It indicates a desire to develop more fully the human resources within you. It infers that you anticipate Christian service under the leadership of Christ. This urge for progress, growth, and development is a worthy and noble desire. I sincerely wish you the best of success in your Christian advance.

There are several spiritual factors which I think are essential to your progress. You need the power of intellectual achievement, the strength of Christian character, the courage of conviction, and the passion of divine love.

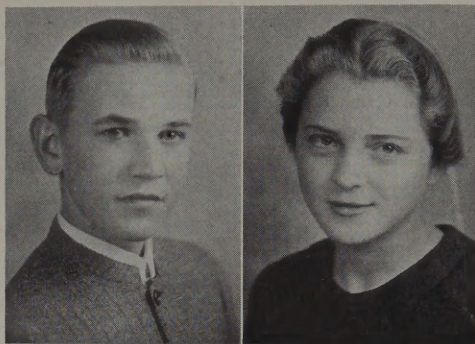
You have given studious attention to the accumulation of knowledge. In addition to the facts and formulas you have learned in the classroom, you have come to see and appreciate the relationships between these and the life you expect to live. You have discovered ideas and ideals that challenge you to more noble living. I hope you will continue this learning process through the years.

Strength of character gathers in a personality through experience. You have enjoyed rich Christian fellowships here. You may well cherish the valuable discipline of this institution. These personal and social restraints have laid a good foundation for the self-control and self-discipline so essential to an effective Christian testimony.

Convictions have been born in you through spiritual enlightenment and by direct communion with God. You have increased your knowledge of the Word in the classroom and in the various meetings and conferences that have been provided for your spiritual growth. The periods of devotion, the chapel exercises, and prayer circles have developed within you stronger desires and deeper longings for the better life. You need these convictions to go forward in the great conquest of life.

Love gives a rich color to our religious experience and testimony. It is this supreme passion that impels one to spend his life in service for Christ and for others. An inward love for Christ constrains men to sacrifice for His glory. I am most concerned that this force should be found in your lives as you go forward with Him.

With the power of knowledge within you, strength of character, personal convictions, and a passion for souls you can go on victoriously under the banner of the Cross. Submission to the will of God and devotion to the interests of His kingdom mean victory for you. May the Lord bless your lives with abounding grace as you move "Forward with Christ."



Ruby Berkey

H. S. IV

Oronogo, Mo.

Armerian; Mixed Chorus IV; Ladies' Chorus IV; Astral IV.

Cheerful, fun-loving . . . hails from plains of Missouri and is proud of it . . . singing is her hobby.



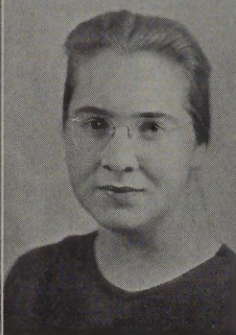
Ruth Brackbill

H. S. I, II, III, IV

Malvern, Pa.

Adelphian II; Philomathean I, III, IV; Mixed Chorus II, III, IV; Ladies' Chorus IV; Nature Society III; Avian IV; Sec. Athletic Assoc. IV; Journal Staff IV; Assoc. Editor of Senior Journal.

Witty . . . spontaneous humor . . . a pleasant and obliging friend . . . industrious . . . positive attributes . . . an efficient waitress in our dining hall . . . enjoys Christian service.



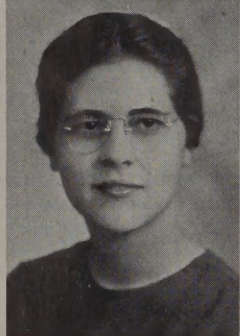
Lila Buckwalter

H. S. IV

Atglen, Pa.

Armerian.

Possesses dependability and originality . . . delights in culinary arts and needlecraft . . . witty with droll humor . . . clever imitator of Negro dialect.



Left Column top to bottom

John Paul Alger

H. S. III, IV

Broadway, Va.
Philomathean.

A natural born farmer and poultryman . . . refined and friendly . . . quiet and industrious . . . enthusiastic basket-ball player.

Virginia Bontrager

H. S. IV

McBrides, Mich.

Armerian; Mixed Chorus IV; Ladies' Chorus IV; Avian IV.

Always busy and accomplishing much . . . ready wit . . . jolly and friendly . . . shows good sportsmanship.

Edith M. Brunk

H. S. II, III, IV

Fentress, Va.

Philomathean; Mixed Chorus II, III, IV; Ladies' Chorus II, III, IV; Astral IV; Journal Staff IV; Senior Journal artist.

Friendly, candid and vivacious . . . ardent tennis fan . . . enjoys bicycling and skating . . . devotee of music, literature and art.

Right column top to bottom

Naomi Byler

H. S. IV

Pigeon, Mich.

Philomathean, Avian IV.

Black hair and twinkling eyes . . . heart of sunshine that smiles the clouds away . . . dainty and open hearted . . . has proven that still waters run deep.

Orie Cutrell

Jr. Coll. I, II

Scottsdale, Pa.

Scottsdale H. S. '36; Smithsonian, Men's Chorus II; Avian I, II; Business Manager of Senior Class II.

Dependable . . . industrious . . . lover of poetry . . . possesses athletic skill . . . operator of campus Model T . . . expects to resume work at the Publishing House.

Grace Fisher

H. S. Bible I, II

Kinzers, Pa.

Armerian; Ladies' Chorus I, II; Nature Society I; Avian II; Class Treasurer I, II.

Cheerful disposition . . . dependable, kind and sympathetic . . . always ready to assist others . . . covets a deeper knowledge of God's Word.

Vivian Burkholder H. S. I, II, III, IV

Dale Enterprise, Va.

Armerian I, III, IV; Adelphian II; Mixed Chorus II, III, IV; Senior Journal Artist.

Quiet, thoughtful and dignified . . . exercises her artistic ability . . . finely developed aesthetic sense . . . possesses a unique gravity.

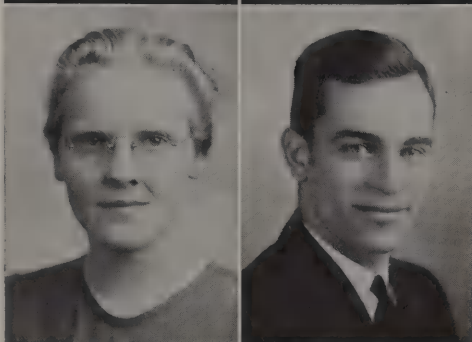


Laura Coulson H. S. II, III, IV

Willow Street, Pa.

Philomathean; Mixed Chorus II, III, IV; Ladies' Chorus II, III, IV; Nature Society III; Avian IV.

Experienced in domestic arts . . . enquiring mind . . . original and unexpected remarks in class . . . takes special interest in music and Latin.



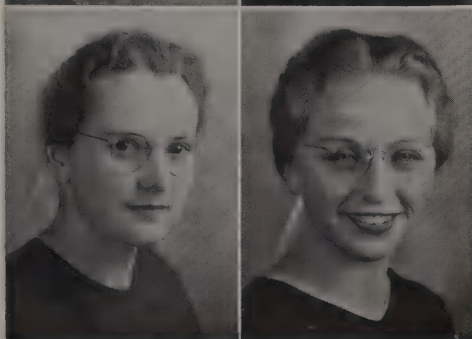
Ruth Eberly

H. S. IV

Lititz, Pa.

Armerian; Mixed Chorus IV; Avian IV.

Brisk, energetic, congenial . . . can give and take in good-natured fun . . . an enthusiastic Avian . . . interested in sports.



Left Column top to bottom

Martha Fretz

H. S. IV

Perkasie, Pa.
Armerian, Avian IV.

Quiet, reserved and studious . . . goes about her work with an earnestness . . . likes basketball and outdoor sports.

Elsie Gehman

H. S. Bible I, II

Mohnton, Pa.
Armerian; Mixed Chorus II; Nature Society I; Astral II.

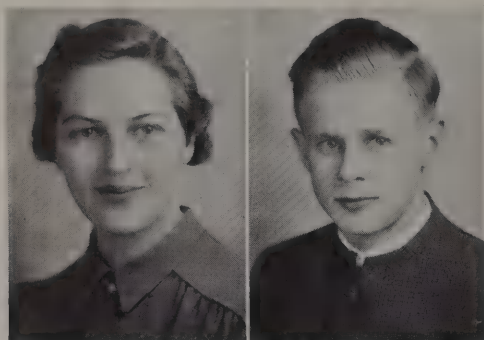
Sincere, consecrated and studious . . . her Pennsylvania Dutch accent and keen sense of humor add to her pleasing personality . . . capable primary Sunday-school teacher.

Sadie Heishman

H. S. I, II, III, IV

Harrisonburg, Va.
Philomathean I, III, IV; Adelpian II; Mixed Chorus II, III; Ladies' Chorus IV.

She has a sunny disposition and pert walk . . . neatness is characteristic of Sadie . . . enjoys typing . . . interested in nursing.



Harold Garber

H. S. IV

Elizabethtown, Pa.
Armerian; Avian IV.

Quiet, and sensible with plenty of pluck . . . takes an avid interest in studies . . . has agricultural interests . . . favorite sport is basketball.



George Hartzler

H. S. IV

Allensville, Pa.
Philomathean.

Dignified . . . quiet and reserved; friendly and unobtrusive . . . he thinks there is no place like the Kishacoquillas Valley . . . interested in farming.



Mary Helmuth

H. S. I, II, III, IV

Harrisonburg, Va.
Philomathean; Mixed Chorus II, IV;
Nature Society III; Avian IV.

Industrious, courteous and reserved . . . ambition is to be a stenographer . . . enjoys winter sports . . . native of the Buckeye state.

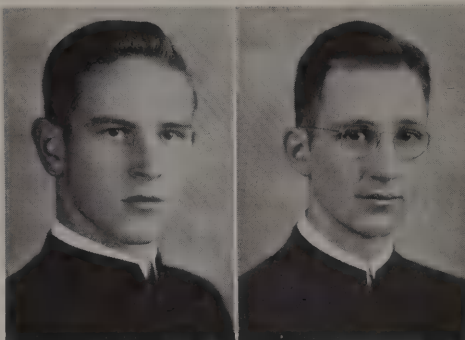
Allen Herr

H. S. IV

Hanover, Pa.

Armerian; Mixed Chorus IV; Avian IV.

Good natured and friendly . . . interested in air crafts . . . at ease on the platform . . . enjoys Chemistry . . . outstanding basketball player.

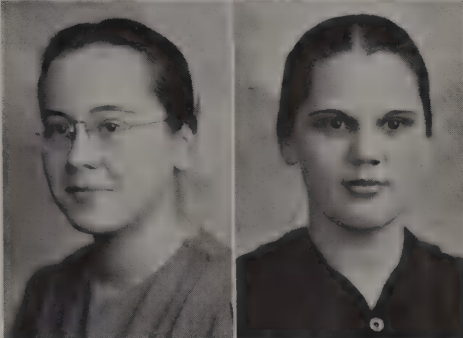
**Frances Hertzler**

H. S. IV

Elizabethtown, Pa.

Philomathean; Mixed Chorus IV; Ladies' Chorus IV; Avian IV.

Pleasantness, animation and verve characterize her . . . diligent Home Economics student . . . kindness will be an asset as she anticipates the nursing profession.

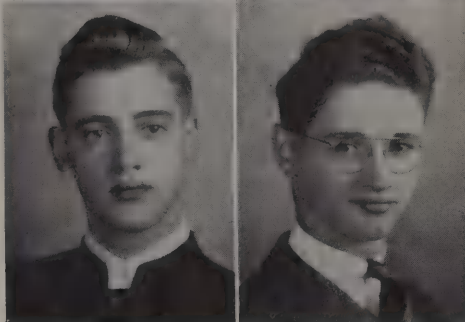
**John Hess**

H. S. IV

Lancaster, Pa.

Philomathean; Mixed Chorus IV, Men's Chorus IV; Avian IV; Senior Journal Staff.

His altruistic spirit and pleasant manner are worthy of emulation . . . lover of music . . . stately . . . ready participant in Christian activities.

*Right column top to bottom***Charles Hertzler**

Jr. Col. Bible I, II

Denbigh, Va.

Smithsonian; Mixed Chorus, I, II; Avian I, II; Astral II; Y. P. C. A. Cabinet II.

Salesman in the bookroom . . . ardent Greek student . . . faithful worker at the Colored Mission in Harrisonburg . . . loyal to the Old Dominion State.

Emma B. Hess

H. S. IV

Akron, Pa.

Armerian; Ladies' Chorus IV; Avian IV.

Congenial, chatty, full of fun . . . skillful skater . . . possesses a pleasing contralto voice . . . looking toward La Junta.

James L. Histand

H. S. I, IV

Doylestown, Pa.

Armerian I; Philomathean IV; Men's Chorus IV; Mixed Chorus IV; Astral IV; Senior Journal Staff.

Class Photographer . . . pleasant, courteous and good natured . . . melodious tenor . . . works with a will . . . dependable and efficient . . . a sincere friend.



Simeon W. Hurst Jr. Coll. Bible I, II

Preston, Ontario.

Smithsonian; Mixed Chorus I, II; Men's Chorus I, II; Avian I, II; Y. P. C. A. Vice President II; Senior Class Vice President; Journal Staff II; Editor of Senior Journal.

Sparkling personality . . . a good sport . . . vivacious . . . an executive of poise and ability . . . a conscientious leader of many religious and social activities. . . Looking forward to Africa.

Christian Kennel H. S. IV

Christiana, Pa.

Armerian; Avian IV.

Calm and sincere . . . enjoys studying . . . loyal to duty . . . his life is consistent with principles for which he stands . . . seen but not heard.

Naomi Krady H. S. III, IV

Willow Street, Pa.

Philomathean; Mixed Chorus IV; Ladies' Chorus I, II; Nature Society III; Avian IV.

Talented alto singer . . . keen sense of humor . . . considerate of others . . . cheerful smile and winsome ways have won for her many friends.

Left Column top to bottom

Edna S. Hurst

Jr. Coll. II

Preston, Ontario.

Smithsonian; Avian II; Associate Editor of Senior Journal.

Friendly, cheerful and witty . . . registered nurse . . . has high ideals and noble convictions . . . heart as true as steel . . . to know her is to love her . . . convictions for Africa.

Leah Kauffman

H. S. II, IV

Mattawana, Pa.

Armerian; Mixed Chorus IV; Ladies' Chorus II; Journal Staff IV.

Our class poetess has distinguished herself by her aptness as a student . . . diligent and conscientious . . . active in Christian work.

Elmeda Kolb

H. S. Bible II

Kitchener, Ontario

Philomathean; Avian II.

Energetic and persuasive . . . has varied interests . . . an inquiring mind . . . southern customs amaze her . . . sociable and good natured.

Right column top to bottom

Mary Kurtz

H. S. I, II, III, IV

Harrisonburg, Va.

Philomathean; Mixed Chorus I, II, III, IV; Ladies' Chorus II, III, IV; Avian IV. Noted for her originality and sunny disposition . . . studies do not interfere with skating and bicycling . . . enjoys reading.

Esther Lehman

H. S. I, II, III, IV

Harrisonburg, Va.

Armerian; Mixed Chorus II, III, IV; Ladies' Chorus II, III, IV; Nature Society III; Avian IV.

Suave, diligent, amiable . . . enjoys music and German . . . favorite sport is tennis . . . interesting conversationalist.

Norman Loux

H. S. II, III, IV

Souderton, Pa.

Adelphian II; Philomathean III, IV; Nature Society III, Avian IV; Y. P. C. A. Cabinet IV; President of Athletic Association III, IV.

With Norman what is worth doing is worth doing well . . . has proven executive ability . . . fluent speaker . . . enthusiastic Christian worker.

Clarence Kreider

Normal I, II

Lancaster, Pa.

West Lampeter H. S. '34; Smithsonian; Mixed Chorus I, II; Men's Chorus I, II; Avian II; Y. P. C. A. Cabinet; Assoc. Editor of Senior Journal.

Congenial, assiduous . . . implacable desire for knowledge . . . gracious "second-miler" . . . his thinking is not dependent on others . . . revels in music and athletics.



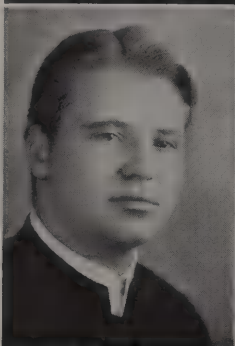
Earl Lehman

Normal II

Lancaster, Pa.

Manheim Township H. S. '38; Smithsonian; Men's Chorus II; Avian II.

Jovial, friendly to all . . . deep thinker . . . talented speaker and debater . . . not afraid of work . . . aspires to the teaching profession.

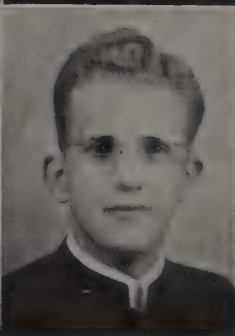


Wilhelma Lehnhoff H. S. I, II, III, IV

Malvern, Pa.

Armerian; Mixed Chorus II, III, IV; Avian IV.

Wide awake and plucky . . . has an air of pleasant friendliness . . . diligent . . . her native tongue is an asset to her mastery of German.



Left Column top to bottom

Florence Lutz

Jr. Coll. Bible I, II

Mount Joy, Pa.

East Donegal Township H. S. '38; Smithsonian; Mixed Chorus II; Avian IV.

Sunny, ambitious, and purposeful . . . her keen sense of humor is delightfully catching . . . has literary talents . . . a capable typist.

Margaret Martin

H. S. III, IV

Hagerstown, Md.

Armerian; Mixed Chorus IV; Ladies' Chorus IV; Nature Society III; Avian IV.

Industrious and thorough . . . determined viewpoints . . . her fondness of sports does not interfere with her desire for knowledge.

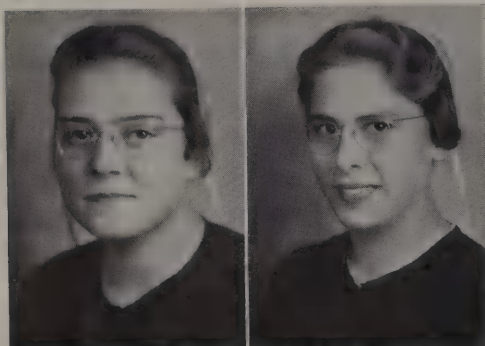
Albert Miller

H. S. III, IV

Akron, Pa.

Armerian; Mixed Chorus IV; Men's Chorus III, IV; Nature Society III; Avian IV.

Studious . . . well read . . . expresses himself clearly on the platform . . . systematic and well groomed . . . has a dignified business-like mien.



Pauline Marks

H. S. III, IV

Reading, Pa.

Armerian; Ladies' Chorus IV; Nature Society III; Avian IV.

Jolly . . . entertaining . . . enjoys reading and skating . . . vivacious . . . Latin and German are her favorite subjects . . . happy and carefree disposition.



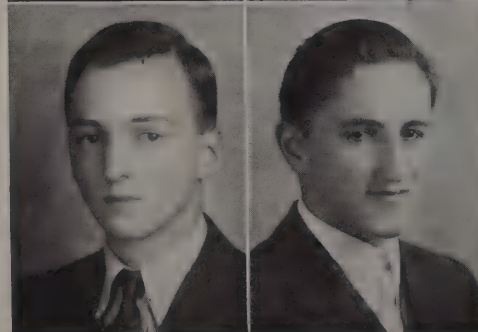
Violet Martin

H. S. IV

Kitchener, Ontario.

Philomathean; Astral IV.

Calm and refined . . . sedate . . . able to express herself clearly . . . won respect through diligence in her tasks.



Claude Miller

H. S. III, IV

Lyman, Miss.

Philomathean; Mixed Chorus III, IV; Men's Chorus III, IV; Nature Society III; Avian IV.

Favorite theme is Mississippi . . . hearty good-natured laugh . . . entertaining humor . . . ready participant in music and sports . . . able basketball player.

Iona Miller

H. S. IV

Harrisonburg, Va.

Armerian; Mixed Chorus IV; Astral IV.

Studious and quiet with thoughtful enquiring mind . . . comes from the Golden West . . . diligent in performing obligations . . . takes life seriously.

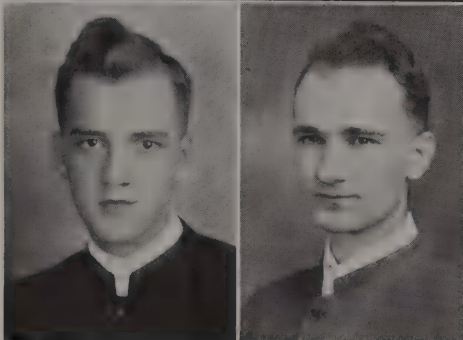
**Ezra Nafziger**

Jr. Coll. I, II

Christiana, Pa.

E. M. S. H. S. '38; Smithsonian; Mixed Chorus I, II; Men's Chorus I, II; Astral I, II.

Animated speaker . . . friendly, entertaining and accommodating . . . mechanically inclined . . . majors in chemistry, mathematics and Biology . . . enthusiastic Christian worker.

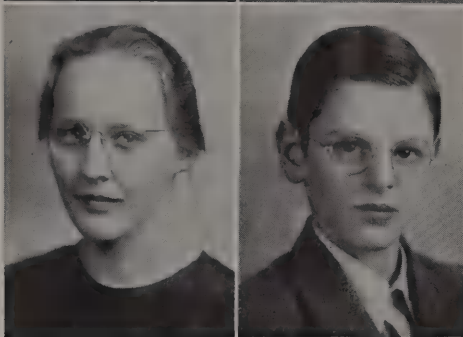
**Mary Peachey**

H. S. II, III, IV

Belleville, Pa.

Armerian; Mixed Chorus IV; Avian IV; Sec. of Y. P. C. A. IV.

Meditative . . . cheerful disposition . . . sterling character with high ideals . . . an indefatigable worker . . . renders Christian service willingly . . . nursing is her aim.



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Luella Moshier

H. S. Bible I, II

Lowville, N. Y.

Armerian; Mixed Chorus II; Nature Society I; Avian II.

Quiet, conscientious . . . an active worker . . . has an enviable knowledge of the Bible . . . appreciated best when you learn to know her.

Samuel Nafziger

Coll. Bible III, IV

Harrisonburg, Va.

E. M. S. Jr. Coll. Bible '38; Smithsonian; Mixed Chorus III, IV; Men's Chorus III, IV; Avian III; Astral II, III, IV; Y. P. C. A. Cabinet III, IV.

Cheerful . . . good natured . . . deep thinker, influential speaker . . . mechanical ability used in renovating wrecked cars . . . enjoying married life.

Charles Rhodes

H. S. IV

Broadway, Va.

Possesses unique combination of agility, wit and timidity . . . industrious . . . one of our youngest and smallest members of the class.



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J. Robert Ruhl

H. S. III, IV

Mount Joy, Pa.

Armerian; Mixed Chorus III; Men's Chorus III, IV; Nature III; Avian IV.

Experienced florist . . . his hobby is photography . . . industrious . . . versatile . . . takes active interest in singing . . . is not worried by studies.

Walter Schlabach

H. S. II, III, IV

Greenwood, Del.

Armerian; Mixed Chorus IV; Men's Chorus IV; Nature Society III.

Eager to serve his Master through the Y. P. C. A. . . . distinguished by his speedy walk . . . aspires to the medical profession.

Moses Slabaugh

Coll. Bible III, IV

Harrisonburg, Va.

E. M. S. H. S. '33; Jr. Coll. Bible '35; Astral.

Candid, dependable and capable . . . staunch in his convictions . . . we enjoy his forceful, sincere messages . . . the father of a happy family.

Anna Sauder

H. S. Bible II

New Holland, Pa.

Philomathean; Mixed Chorus II; Avian II.

Optimistic and ingenuous . . . humor, seriousness and sociability characterize her . . . alert and wholehearted in Christian service . . . sings and smiles the clouds away.

John Garber

Normal II

Harrisonburg, Va.

E. M. S. H. S. '27; Adv. Bible '30.

Minister . . . teacher . . . father . . . speaks God-given convictions . . . deeply concerned for the lost Jew . . . proprietor of Parkview Book Store.

Edna Shantz

H. S. Bible II

Preston, Ontario.

Ontario Mennonite Bible School '38; Philomathean; Avian II.

Patient . . . persevering . . . characterized by a droll humor . . . behind her quiet reserve is a depth of character and conviction.

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Margaret Shenk

Normal I, II

Denbigh, Va.

Morrison H. S. '36; Smithsonian; Mixed Chorus I, II; Avian I, II; Class Secretary I, II.

Dignified . . . sunny disposition . . . has a voice of good quality . . . interests divided among music, nature and books . . . looking forward to teaching profession.

Emma Showalter

Jr. Coll. I, II

Broadway, Va.

E. M. S. H. S. '35; Smithsonian; Mixed Chorus I, II; Astral I, II; Avian II.

Active . . . dependable . . . engaging conversationalist . . . has conscientious, determined views . . . renders praiseworthy service to her school and her Lord.

Daniel Suter

Jr. Coll. I, II

Harrisonburg, Va.

E. M. S. H. S. '35; Smithsonian; Mixed Chorus I, II; Men's Chorus I, II; Avian I, II; Y. P. C. A. Cabinet I, II; Class president I, II.

Friendly and sincere . . . deep bass voice enriches many quartets . . . original thinker . . . active athlete . . . takes keen interest in literature.

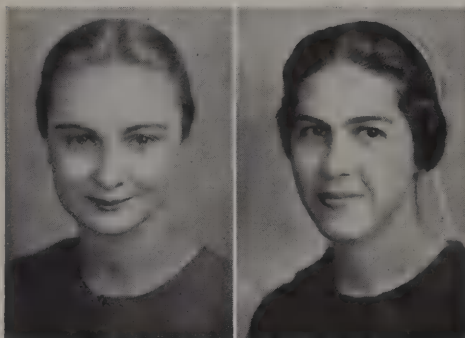
Rachel Shearer

H. S. IV

Mount Joy, Pa.

Philomathean; Mixed Chorus IV; Ladies' Chorus IV; Avian IV.

Quiet manners, gentle speech . . . finds enjoyment in music . . . modest, pleasant and courteous . . . never too busy for fun.



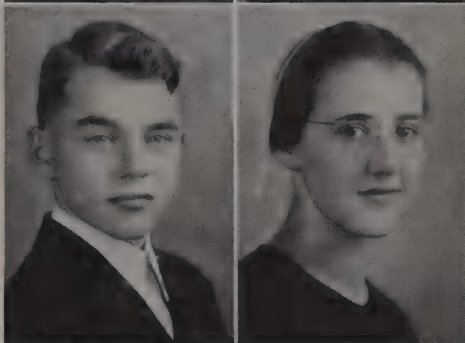
Carl Shetler

H. S. IV

Pigeon, Mich.

Armerian; Avian IV.

Generous . . . unassuming . . . ready conversationalist . . . fond of sports, excels in skating . . . possesses ready wit and humor . . . Michigan is his Utopia.



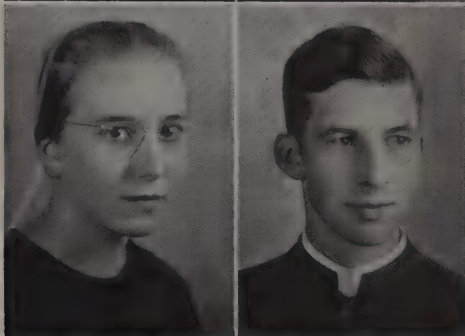
Eula Showalter

H. S. IV

Linville, Va.

Philomathean; Mixed Chorus IV.

Affable disposition . . . quiet and studious . . . Home Economics is her favorite subject . . . has a characteristic Southern brogue.



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Rhoda Swartzentruber

H. S. Bible I, II

Greenwood, Del.

Philomathean; Mixed Chorus II; Ladies' Chorus II; Astral II.

Sincere . . . capable of shouldering responsibility . . . has literary talent . . . her sunny smile and congenial personality are appreciated by all.

Allen Weaver

H. S. IV

Kansas City, Kans.

Armerian; Mixed Chorus IV; Astral IV.

Enjoys cooking his own meals . . . fun loving and energetic . . . alert and obliging . . . photography is his hobby.

Mary McNeill Weaver

H. S. III, IV

Waynesboro, Va.

Armerian; Mixed Chorus III, IV; Ladies' Chorus III, IV.

Thorough in her school work . . . enjoys outdoor sports . . . interested in nature . . . a pleasant and efficient future farmerette.



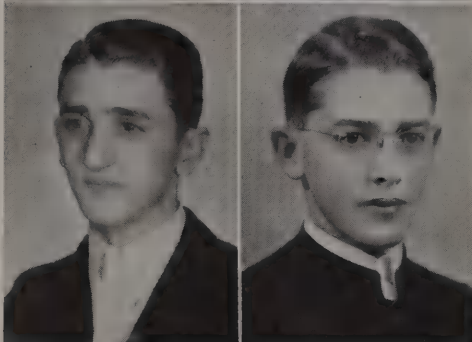
Verna Wagler

H. S. Bible I, II

St. Agatha, Ontario.

Armerian.

Studious, pleasant, and good natured . . . works for the joy of working . . . serene and quiet mannered . . . finds pleasure in Christian activity.



Marlin Weaver

H. S. III, IV

Annville, Pa.

Philomathean; Nature Society III; Avian IV.

Aggressive with a keen eye for business . . . has a brisk soldierly walk . . . spends much time with cars.



Sara Jane Weaver

H. S. IV

Lancaster, Pa.

Philomathean; Mixed Chorus IV; Avian IV.

Spreads sunshine by cheerful singing . . . optimistic, purposeful . . . eager to lend a helping hand . . . children enjoy her stories.

Edna Whetzel

H. S. III, IV

Criders, Va.

Philomathean; Mixed Chorus IV.

Takes life calmly . . . considerate and
thoughtful of others . . . reserved . . .
a native of the Virginia mountains.



Anna Witmer

H. S. IV

Ephrata, Pa.

Armerian; Mixed Chorus IV; Ladies'
Chorus; Avian IV.

True to her work . . . kind, thought-
ful and unselfish . . . delights in tennis
. . . has poetical ability.



Florence Yothers

H. S. IV

Perkasie, Pa.

Armerian; Avian IV.

Lively and industrious . . . congenial
. . . smiles and the world smiles with
her . . . always a cheerful worker in
the task.



Class Appreciation

It is with a strange mingling of feelings and emotions that we, the class of 1940, appear before you tonight. It is not our purpose to make a display of any knowledge that we have acquired, but to mark in a formal way the close of our school career. We extend to all of you a hearty welcome to share these honors with us.

Dear Parents, we would indeed feel most ungrateful if we did not try to tell you how much we are indebted to you. You have sacrificed unsparingly of your time and money; we know that many prayers have ascended to the throne of grace in our behalf, and we realize that had it not been for your sacrifices we would never have attained this goal. We especially welcome you tonight, feeling that this honor should be yours as much as ours.

To the Board of Trustees we owe a great debt. You have given most liberally of your time, prayer, and financial support that we might have the privilege of receiving an education unstained with the heresies and temptations that are met in so many of the schools and colleges of our country. We wish we could clasp the hand of each of you and say, "God bless you."

Dear President and Instructors, you cannot realize how much you have meant to us. We have been almost amazed at the loving patience which you have shown toward us when our minds seemed too dull to grasp certain truths to be learned. We can never know how you have labored in prayer in our behalf that we might be fitted for the battle of life; sometimes we may have chafed under what we thought were hard rules and restrictions, but we realize that these chastisements were for our good. May the Lord richly reward you for your interest in our welfare.

To our beloved class adviser we would say most warmly, "Thank you!" You have given generously of your time and energy in directing our footsteps to this goal. We have appreciated your interest in us and your kindly advice in class affairs. Your exemplary Christian life has been an inspiration to us all. May God abundantly bless you.

Fellow-students, the time has come that we must leave you. We have appreciated your fellowship and your encouragements. May your lives continue to be a blessing to others as they have been to ours. Set your goal high; do not become discouraged if the way seems hard. Henry Van Dyke once said that often faltering feet come surest to the goal. Juniors, this position will soon be yours; you will soon be followed as examples of the ideals which characterize this School. So live that the high standards of this institution will never be lowered.

Classmates, we are about to part, never again to be together as we are tonight. We have spent many pleasant times working together as a class. But the time has come when each of us must face life upon our own responsibility and initiative. We can no longer lean upon our partners expecting them to bear us along with them. Each one of us must put on the whole armor of God, and, pressing into the battle, go "Forward With Christ."

—Daniel B. Suter.

Reminiscences

It was a warm evening in the latter part of August. Bernice sat on the western porch of her trim little green and white cottage watching the fiery sun sink below the horizon. A soft breeze fanned her cheek and ruffled her dark hair. As she sat there she was aroused by a woman coming up the path. She arose in greeting.

"Hello, Bernice, do you remember me?"

"Louise!" She greeted her visitor warmly. "Oh, I was just longing to see my old roommate more than anyone else!"

"Were you?" Louise replied. "I was just going through the town and thought I'd drop in to see you. I can't stay long. My train is due in an hour."

"Eighteen years since we have seen each other! Can it be possible!" exclaimed Bernice. "The last time I saw you was when I attended your wedding."

"Oh, don't I feel old," Louise laughed, "my oldest son is going to E. M. S. this fall."

"Really! Weren't those wonderful days back there! I'll never forget them. What years were they?"

"1938-40."

"Oh, yes, I remember now."

"Daniel Suter was our president and Margaret Shenk our secretary. Do you remember when we came back the next fall we had to decide whether we wanted to separate, or not, from the High School Seniors and—"

"Yes, I remember! We old students couldn't bear to part. We knew we'd have a quarrel as to who should get Bro. Mumaw as an adviser. We hated to lose our old officers too."

"Oh, weren't you glad we stayed together? We had such good times!"

"Those outings, hikes and the peak climb! I won't forget those!"

"And the class socials and open house!"

"Louise, do you remember English Composition class?"

"Do I!"

"The second year so many students came back that the dormitory couldn't hold them all!"

"Even though the building was crowded we had a good time, didn't we?"

"Oh, yes." The women were silent for a few minutes.

"I'm so glad I spent those two years at E. M. S. They surely strengthened my Christian life, such soul-refreshing meetings!"

"The faculty had an interest in us, too. I certainly appreciated that, didn't you?"

"Oh, yes, I can never thank the Lord enough for sending me to a Christian institution."

"Neither can I."

The two women sat for a while chatting. Suddenly Louise looked at her watch. "Oh, I must go! Good-by Bernice."

"Good-by, Louise. Do you think you'll forget E. M. S.?"

"Never."

—Florence Lutz.

FORWARD WITH CHRIST

Leah Kauffman

Daniel Suter

1. Hark! to the voice - of Je-sus our Capt-ain, Call-ing us forth to the con-flict to-day.
 2. On with the con-quest let noth-ing dis-may us, Trust-ing our God by whose pow-er we'll win.
 3. Ev-er we'll fol-low our Blessed Re-deem-er, 'Till 'neath his Glo-ri-ous stand-ard we'll sing.

Strong is the foe - and fierce is the bat-tle, Souls must be res-cued from death's cru-el sway.
 Free-ing the cap-tives from Sat-an's do-min-ion, Snatch-ing the lost from the strong-holds of sin.
 Praise to the Lamb - our Con-quer'r E-ter-nal, Who o'er all kind-reds and na-tions is King.

CHORUS

For-ward with Je-sus our Ris-en Re-deem-er; "For-ward with Christ" with the Spirit's sharp sword;

Clad in the whole of God's mighty ar-mor Gain we the vic-tory thru Je-sus our Lord.

Forward with Christ

The future, like a winding road
That leads o'er hill and vale,
Is hidden by a hundred turns,
And mists across the trail.
As step by step we journey here
On life's long thoroughfare,
We need not fear the mists and turns,
For Christ is ever near.

We need not dread the sudden storms
That sweep the rocky height,
Or fear to tread the arid plain,
For Christ will lead aright.
He leads us, too, through pleasant dales,
By waters still and sweet.
We rest with Him along the way,
In tranquil, calm retreat.

To hungry travelers whom we meet,
The Bread of Life we'll feed.
And to the living, flowing stream,
The thirsty ones we'll lead.
We'll guide the wayward, faltering feet
To rugged Calvary's tree
And point them to our Saviour-Guide
Who will their refuge be.

The path of life is like a road
That winds o'er hill and vale.
'Tis hidden by a hundred turns,
And mists across the trail.
But do not fear the mists and turns,
For Christ this way once trod
And He will lead us safely on,
To Heaven, and Home, and God.

—Leah Kauffman.



1. A friendly council
2. Third floor office
3. "The messenger"
4. Crystal robes
5. "Smiles"
6. College Class Room
7. Alumni vs. Regulars

1. "W. P. A." boss
2. Senior Meeting
3. Laundry boy
4. Socrates Society
5. Student teachers
6. "Cooks"
7. Mail time
8. Gospel Team
9. Industrial Arts



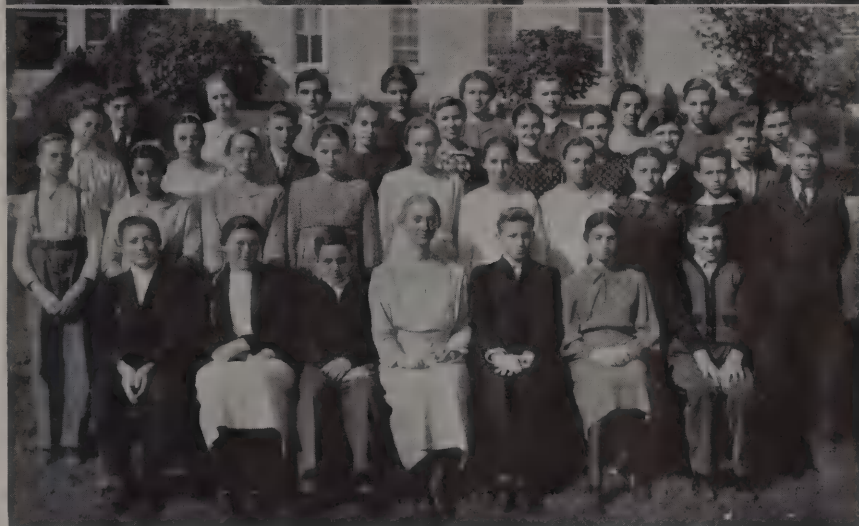
H. S. JUNIORS

FRONT ROW: (left to right) D. Landis, A. Lehman, L. Martin, R. Hess, P. Stauffer, E. G. Gehman.
 SECOND ROW: P. Hartzler, Mary Martin, L. Shank, E. Landis, H. Ritchie, E. Davis, L. Weaver, D. Suter, S. Gehman, C. Eshleman, R. Kurtz, M. Schulz, R. Martin.
 THIRD ROW: M. Landis, K. Hostetter, A. Lutz, M. Gehman, E. Erb, A. Moshier, E. Metzler, K. Leatherman, E. Geil, A. Shenk, S. Hess, A. Yoder, E. Swartzentruber, Ralph Weaver, D. Troyer.
 FOURTH ROW: Elmer Showalter, J. Stover, L. Clemmer, L. Troyer, D. Schaefer, G. Hartman, A. Maust, E. Steiner, E. Yothers, Ruth Weaver, L. Bowers, D. Landis, M. Myers, H. Lantz.
 FIFTH ROW: F. Watkins, R. Eshleman, J. Thomas, James Hess, G. Brackbill, C. Berkey, N. Mingner, R. Stauffer, L. Wolgemuth, N. Heebner, O. Kindy, Stanley Shank, H. Leaman.

COLLEGE JUNIORS

FRONT ROW: (left to right) J. Shank, Esther Brunk, M. Hess, D. Sell, A. Showalter, D. R. Hostetter
 SECOND ROW: C. Cline, V. Moyers, E. Amstutz, Stanley Shenk, Evelyn Brunk, Edith Showalter, V. Grove.
 THIRD ROW: T. Getz, M. Yake, D. Geil, Chester Shank, J. Eshleman, N. Shank, M. Lehman, M. Wikerd.
 FOURTH ROW: G. Miller, E. Wenger, J. Stutzman, C. Miller, P. Schlabach, H. Yoder, H. Hurst.
 FIFTH ROW: E. Maust, O. Detweiler, H. Hertzler, I. Horst, P. Martin, W. Weaver.





HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES

FRONT ROW: (left to right) B. Kraybill, N. Graybill, N. Weber, Miss Zimmerman, R. Brenneman, R. Snively, S. Witmer.

SECOND ROW: J. Brunk, L. Batterman, L. McDorman, R. McDorman, B. Landis, L. McDorman, B. Hartman, A. Rheil.

THIRD ROW: K. Fisher, E. Ziegler, E. Shetler, S. Boll, E. Miley, E. Mumaw, H. Stoltzfus.

FOURTH ROW: G. Gross, D. Warfel, E. Martin, S. Wenger, E. Ogburn, V. Simmons.

FRESHMEN

FRONT ROW: (left to right) J. Hartman, D. Shenk, P. Lehman, Mrs. Brackbill, D. Clymer, R. Weber, Melvin Showalter.

SECOND ROW: S. Eshleman, B. Boyce, J. Weaver, D. Lehman, B. Hershberger, Anna Showalter, Lorraine McDorman, M. Barbe, H. Stauffer, A. Histan.

THIRD ROW: J. Heatwole, E. Alwine, K. Heatwole, A. Blosser, E. Carr, C. Hartshaw, S. Hartshaw, P. Showalter, E. Good.

FOURTH ROW: L. Rohrer, E. Driver, J. Martin, R. Brunk, G. Suter, L. Eshleman, A. Sheeler, J. Baer, R. Bullock.

Forward With Christ

We the class of 1940 find ourselves in a world where people are groping about in blinding darkness. They are searching for lasting happiness and peace of mind, but they are not finding it. We see a pathetic picture of multitudes hampered by ignorance and who are gullibly following a deceiver. They repeatedly grasp at baubles of pleasure but they find no lasting satisfaction. An unprincipled and enraged enemy is plotting their destruction. He has cast this darkness about them lest they should see the glorious light of the gospel. He is keeping them blinded in ignorance so they cannot find the satisfaction they are seeking.

We have found the light that can pierce this darkness and guide souls out of its maze. This light has revealed to us the greatest philosophy of life, the author of which is God Himself. It is a philosophy that will give true and lasting happiness. We have been delivered from the clutches of ignorance and sin. This is a day of good tidings. Shall we be blameless if we withhold the good news from the world? Let us go "Forward with Christ" in this mighty conflict against the forces of evil, proclaiming the gospel to those that are in darkness.

It is our duty to expose the subtle deceiver who is blinding the masses of humanity, and to teach the gospel that will loose the shackles of darkness, and lift the depressing chains of bondage. To those who accept its message it will cause to spring up within their hearts a spring of joy that time and eternity cannot destroy. Since we have heard the field-cry "Forward with Christ" let us earnestly show the folly of stumbling about in the quagmire of darkness. The true light is now shining; it is utter folly to seek happiness in the mire of sin.

Christ has made it possible for us to live above sin and the follies of this world. He gave His life so that we need not die. It is He who has given us the desire to live for the noble things in life. Our love for Him constrains us to bring the message of salvation to others.

But Satan and all the hosts of evil are arrayed against us. It is their purpose to keep humanity in ignorance of our message. No tactics are too foul for this enemy, and no stratagem is too horrible. We cannot hope to overcome him in our own strength. But as we go "Forward with Christ" we need not fear. On Calvary our Christ endured fierce blasts of satanic hatred and fury. We follow a captain who has all power in heaven and upon earth. With implicit confidence in him and in the word of God we are going forth conquering and to conquer. We shall not compromise; we can accept no terms of surrender; and we cannot know defeat unless we forsake our invincible leader.

Let us boldly and sincerely accept this great challenge to go "Forward with Christ."

—Samuel Nafziger.



Y. P. C. A. Cabinet

Skating

Studious Students

Y. P. C. A. Activities

The aim of the Y. P. C. A. is "to enlist the co-operation of all Christian students in order to strengthen the spiritual life of the school; to promote growth in Christian character, fellowship, and aggressive Christian work, especially by and for the students; to train its members for Christian service; and to lead them to devote their lives to Jesus Christ and the extension of His church." However, without consecrated students who wholeheartedly serve their Master these objectives would have little effect.

Various committees are appointed which provide for the different functions of the Association. The cabinet is composed of the chairmen of these committees, the officers of the Association, and three faculty advisers.

Each week is begun with the Mission Prayer Meeting held at six o'clock on Sunday morning. The Missions Committee has charge of these inspirational, intercessory meetings. This committee provides for the gospel teams which are sent out and the mission study classes which are conducted during the last semester of each year.

At two o'clock each Sunday afternoon many students meet in their respective groups to receive "power" before taking the Gospel to the prisoners at the Harrisonburg jail, to the poor in the City Alms House, to the shut-ins at the County Alms House, and to conduct cottage meetings in the homes of needy souls. Once a month "The Way" is distributed to all the homes in Harrisonburg and in the hospital. On Saturday evenings street meetings are held at Grottoes and Elkton, alternately, to those who are loitering on the streets. All this work is carried on by the Prison Workers' Committee, City Workers' Committee, Rural Workers' Committee, and the Tract Committee, respectively. We know that those who receive Christ through the efforts of our organization are made happy and we are just as sure that those who tell the Gospel message receive many blessings in doing so.

The Young People's Bible Meeting held each Sunday evening is devoted to the consideration of Christian topics and especially upon the distinctive doctrines of our Church.

The quiet devotional hours are among the things which are most appreciated and the longest remembered of the days spent at E. M. S. The Devotions Committee provides for an hour of devotion every Friday morning. Each day is begun with songs, Scripture reading, and prayer in the dining hall and it is closed with vital discussions and prayer in the prayer circles.

Realizing that Christian fellowship is essential to Christian growth, the Y. P. C. A., through the Social Committees, provides for the social functions of the School. Get-acquainted socials, trips to scenic points, and those memorable Thanksgiving and Christmas socials all give variety to the steady routine of school life and help us to know each other better.

The students appreciate the assistance which the Employment Committee gives them in securing work. The Finance Committee gives valuable service in raising and distributing funds needed to carry on the work of the organization.

With work of such constructive and uplifting characteristics the Y. P. C. A. has proven itself a valuable asset to student life in the E. M. S. God has blessed its work in the past and our prayer is that in the future its good work may continue.

—Margaret Shenk.

An Appreciation

"Esteem them highly for their work's sake"

Many and varied are the influences that mold our lives; godly parents, ministers, Sunday-school teachers, and so on. In many of us the influence of our alma mater is stamped deeply; time and eternity will never erase it. Though we are scattered to many states of the union and to foreign shores, memory still serves us and we appreciate the sincere efforts put forth by "our school" to provide Christian education and teaching for us.

Our school has been in existence for a little over two decades. She has grown in influence in many ways. Through her hundreds of lives have been touched by the Christ whom she serves. The great standards of Christ and His Gospel have been defended within her walls. We rejoice to see her continue. We wish for more institutions like her because modern education has lost the Christian ideals for which E. M. S. stands. A school spirit of worldliness and pleasure pervades in our modern schools but the Spirit of Christ is the school-spirit of our alma mater. The Word of God is her sure foundation; its principles of Christian living are her guide.

Her alumni have implicit faith and confidence in E. M. S. Just so long as she rests on her present foundation, the Word of God, just so long shall we pledge our allegiance to her. Her motto, "Thy Word is truth," indicates at once where she stands. The foundation is durable. We live in a world where we can expect most anything. The things of yesterday are gone. Government policies and boundary lines of nations may be changed tomorrow, but the Word of God shall not change. Our beloved school shall remain in face of the hell fire of modern criticism. Long before she existed her foundations stood and they shall continue to stand, for it is easier for Heaven and earth to pass away than for the Word of God to pass away.

We also think of the contribution she has made to us. It is primarily spiritual. The world's need is not met by intellectual giants, but by spiritual leaders. "To know the only true God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent, this is life eternal." No man or woman is ready to meet life's responsibility without a spiritual experience with Jesus Christ. The graduate who receives a diploma and has not learned to know Him has an education that is incomplete. As alumni many of us rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory for the Christ we found at our beloved church school.

Should time continue, may there be representatives of this humble institution scattered to other shores and to the utmost boundaries of mankind to tell what they have found.

—Moses Slabaugh.

Ladies' Chorus

"Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.—Auerbach.

Thus it is with the Ladies' Chorus. Once every week we meet and sing away the dust of everyday life. The Chorus is composed of forty-seven ladies who have an appreciation for good music. Bro. J. Mark Stauffer is our director. We have learned to sing and appreciate many old songs, some of which date back to the seventeenth century and earlier.

We try to preserve the richness, grandeur, and unusual beauty of these old melodies. The Chorus assisted in various music programs throughout the year.

—Mary M. Kurtz.

Men's Chorus

The Men's Chorus, under the direction of J. Mark Stauffer was privileged to sing at several mountain missions in addition to the numerous public renditions given at the school. These included the Thanksgiving and Christmas socials, the Christmas music program, and conjoint musical programs with Ladies' Chorus and Mixed Chorus.

The chorus used a few carefully selected Negro Spirituals in addition to many sacred melodies found in "Coleman's Songs for Men," and "Alexander's Male Choir." Many pleasant experiences have been enjoyed by the members of the Chorus throughout the year's work.

—John Hess.



Mixed Chorus



Did you hear those sweet strains of music? It is the Mixed Chorus singing in the chapel. It meets twice a week with Bro. Chester K. Lehman as director. This year its ninety members could really make the building ring with music. A number of programs were rendered throughout the year. Some of the favorite numbers of the chorus were "Bendemeer's Stream," "Goin' Home," "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," "Open the Gates of the Temple," "In Joseph's Lovely Garden," and "Gracious Father."

Then what a thrill comes when we see members of the chorus from previous years come back to help us render "The Holy City" program. "The Heavens Are Telling" and "The Hallelujah Chorus" put on a grand touch to this annual program which draws to E. M. S. campus one of the largest crowds of the year.

One requirement for entrance into the chorus is a successful private interview with the director. Another requirement is the applicant's willingness to meet twice a week for practice. These periods are looked forward to with delight and are thoroughly enjoyed by all loyal chorus members.

Chorus members soon develop a keen appreciation for deep sacred music of the great composers and try to impart this same appreciation to those who come to hear the programs.

Music, when other voices die, vibrates in the memory. —Ruth Brackbill.



The Literary Societies

It is a source of pleasure and enjoyment to meet in our respective societies each Friday night after a hard week of study.

Our literary societies are real training camps in which we enlist; and after receiving training pass on to our fields of service. The aim of each society is to enable the student to gain composure on the floor, to write and speak fluently, and to think clearly. The programs are educational, provide wholesome entertainment, and are real helps in developing the talents of each member. Although there are mistakes and blunders, each one profits by his mistakes and strives to do better. Even the most timid is helped and learns lessons of self-reliance.

The programs include a great variety of worthwhile subjects, amusing and serious. Music holds a prominent place on each program. Subjects such as "Home," "Hobbies," "The Jew," "Literature," "Travel," "Nature," "Music," "Parliamentary Law," "Impromptu," make our programs interesting and attractive. Each member who is loyal to his society strives to do well in order to make the programs a success.

There are four regular literary societies in our school. The Smithsonian which is for all college students, the Armerian and Philomathean for Juniors and Seniors in High School and High School Bible and Adelpian for High School Freshmen and Sophomores. Also the Special Bible Term students have two societies, the Menovian and Berean.

Our best wishes go to these and all future literary activities of our dear E. M. S.

—Vivian Burkholder.



Special Bible Term

Our halls resounded with the voices of seventy-six young people who had the privilege of spending six short weeks with us immediately after Christmas vacation. A question frequently asked previous to their coming was, "Where will we put the Special Bible Termers?" The dormitory and classrooms were already quite full. Upon their arrival we easily found rooms for them in near-by homes of Park View.

With this enlarged school family more space was used while the chapel, dining room and classrooms were filled to capacity.

At the Get-Acquainted Social the first evening, the new students at least got acquainted with the faculty and school activities in general. Before the end of six weeks, however, the newcomers had become a vital part of school life.

Short term students took advantage of the opportunity to increase their usefulness in the Lord's service by taking class work in such subjects as Personal Evangelism, Bible Doctrine, Elementary Teacher-Training courses, Missions, Public





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E. Swartzentruber.

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Speaking, Church History, Book Study, and Music. The Bible term faculty was composed of J. Irvin Lehman, Milton Brackbill and several regular members of the E. M. S. faculty.

During the Special Bible Term, two very interesting contest programs were given on Nonresistance and Nonconformity by the regular students. Programs of sacred music were given by the Ladies', Men's, and Mixed Choruses. The spiritual life of the group was strengthened by the revival meetings conducted by Bro. Ray Sherk. Daily private devotions, prayer circles, and interviews with the evangelist were precious experiences to all who took advantage of them. The membership of the Y. P. C. A. was enlarged and the work was helped along by the willingness and consecration of its new recruits. We extend to them a hearty thanks for their loyal support. The Christian Life Conference and Mission program were sources of fellowship and means of strengthening us in the Christian faith and doctrine.

The Bereans and Mennoivians, our special term literary societies, held weekly meetings. Interesting and worthwhile programs were rendered, giving students experience and practice in speaking, singing, and debating.

Even sunny Virginia gave us a real old-fashioned winter. From the beginning of January there was plenty of snow. Sledding and ice skating provided a source of recreation out of doors for nearly the whole term. A trip to the caverns and one to Natural Bridge was enjoyed by many students.

Our special term friends had to leave all too soon and we realize they only received a taste of the rich possibilities for growth and development that it is possible to enjoy at a Christian school.

—Esther Lehman.



Avian Society

This year sixty-three students, composed of college students and high school seniors, showed enough interest and appreciation in our feathered friends to join the Avian Society. The Avians gather once each month to enjoy a program given by its members in the Biology Laboratory. Bro. Hostetter, the society sponsor, occasionally shows slides relating to birds and bird life. Many members take the opportunity and enjoy going on the Avian hike to near-by woods on Saturday mornings.

Other outdoor activities include the annual visit to Sparkling Springs, and the placing of feeding stations on the trees on our campus and in near-by woods.

—Clarence Kreider.



Astral Society

Once every month the Astralites of E. M. S. meet in the Physics Laboratory for an hour of fellowship or at the Observatory for a Star-Gaze. What splendid times we have there learning about the stars and planets! Some of the programs were entitled "Celestial Wanderers," "Tenth Anniversary Program" and "Stellar Personalities." Through these discussions there runs a strain of seriousness. We do not forget a certain phrase from the society's constitution which reads thus: "The purpose of this society shall be to adore the Creator through our acquaintance with His hand-work."

—Edith M. Brunk.



Nature Society

The Nature Society enjoys many interesting, worthwhile hours exploring the beauties of the great out-of-doors. One evening each month we have a short nature program after which Bro. Hostetter, who is the sponsor of this society, shows picture slides on the theme of that evening, proving to us that the incredible statements spoken of in the program were true. Those hikes on a Saturday afternoon are both delightful and educational.

The many marvelous things that are seen constantly remind us of the Creator and Ruler of all nature.

—Ruth Stauffer.

The Scriblerus Society

The Scriblerus Society is a group of teachers and students who have an irresistible urge to write, a creative imagination, and who find no little delight in the use of language. This is strictly a writing group who welcome the opportunity to relieve themselves of the press of ideas, to enjoy feasts of thoughts prepared with the tang and the relish of figure, and to profit from mutual criticism and encouragement. The meetings every two or three weeks in the Physics Laboratory are quite informal. Besides the production of original numbers and appreciations of current writings, there are discussions of style, word usage, word origins, and various phases of the technique of writing.—M. T. Brackbill.

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Mir Pennsilvehni-deitsche do in de Schul wore bang mer dehte unser Deitsch vergesse, so hen mer des Ding verschwetzt un hen ausgemacht, des di Schul en deitschi Saesseieti hawe sott. Selli hen mer nau ufkschtaut. Mer kumme ehmol der monet zamme un singe, behte, dibehte, schwetze, verzehle, un denke—alles in Deitsch—“awer nix dummes”—ennighau net viel. Mer woll di Leit wisse losse, des mer uns net schemme wegig unsre deitsche Herkumft.—E. G. Gehman.

Strength for the Day

The noise and din of voices, the jostling of many students and the worry of class assignments are forgotten as the halls are vacated for **our devotional period in chapel**. While heads are bowed in silent praise and supplication there is created within us an attitude conducive to worship; it helps us to deeply appreciate God's Word. Refreshing indeed are the reflections and meditations brought to us daily by those interested in our spiritual welfare. They challenge and inspire us to work happily with our fellows and to fill our God-given place in life. Memories of such times of fellowship will be cherished as we go “Forward with Christ.”—Editors.

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